organized by Safety Organization.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of Palace on Wheels Train from Hyderabad

1004. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Palace on Wheels train from Hyderabad, to attract foreign tourists to various places of attraction in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Derailments of Passenger and Goods Trains

1005. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many derailments of passenger and goods trains took place during 1999;

(b) what was the loss incurred by the Railways on account of these derailments;

(c) what are the reasons for these derailments; and

(d) what steps are being taken to minimize them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There were 99 derailments of passenger trains and 223 goods trains during the year 1999.

(b) Loss incurred by the Railways on account of these derailments was Rs. 43.67 crores (approximately).